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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time necessary so that the accompanying Response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2006, is timely filed.

It is believed that an extension of two (2) months is required. The Patent Office is authorized to charge \$225.00 (for a small entity) as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. If this amount is incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment under the foregoing rules to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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